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HOUSE RESOLUTION 146
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A RESOLUTION To recognize Dr. Samuel E. Bratton, Jr. on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who, in their years of work, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Samuel E. Bratton, Jr. is one such estimable person who has served with probity for 38 years with the Knox County School System; and

WHEREAS, Having distinguished himself as a professional of the utmost dedication, ability, and integrity, he is retiring from his position as Coordinator of Research and Evaluation for the Knox County School System; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bratton is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous professional and civic organizations, including serving as a State Testing Official, the President of Phi Delta Kappa, and a lifetime member of the National Science Teachers Association, and lending his support to Leadership Education Knoxville, the Torch Club, and the Kiwanis Club; and

WHEREAS, Sam Bratton also contributes his time and numerous talents to the United Methodist Church, of which he is a lifetime and active member; and

WHEREAS, The son of the Reverend Samuel E. Bratton, Sr. and his wife, Irene, Sam Bratton graduated from Pennington Gap High School in Pennington, Virginia in 1951, and from Emory and Henry in 1955; he then pursued and achieved his Doctorate in Education Administration from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bratton exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, His many accomplishments aside, Sam Bratton is most appreciative of the love and support of his wife, Martha Jean Bratton, Principal of Christenberry Elementary School in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Sam and Martha Jean were married on June 11, 1970, and honeymooned in the Appalachian Mountains on the Blue Ridge Parkway; their union has produced two children, Sara and Matthew; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his estimable career, Sam Bratton has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his peers and superiors alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we extend to Dr. Samuel E. Bratton, Jr. our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, commend him for his dedication to the noble profession of education, and wish him every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.